

Minutes of the David A. Howe Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 9, 2023

Trustees Present: Donald Comstock, President, Nic Gunning, Director, Tom Reuning, Nancy Reuning, Treasurer, Nora Burdick, Kris Green, Madeleine Gasdik, Anne Sobeck, Secretary

Trustees Absent: Emily Peavey, Vice-President

Call to Order: President Donald Comstock called the May 9, 2023 meeting to order at 7:34am.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the April 2023 minutes was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee Colligan. The motion carried. (7,0)

Director's Report:

A. Statistics

-Circulation

Director Gunning noted a decrease of 61 in physical checkouts but an increase of 168 in digital material usage.

-Programs

Director Gunning noted that the Easter events and the Arbor Day celebration was very well attended. He also noted that the podcast listens were over 1000!

B. News from the Library

-Director Gunning spoke at a session of the County Legislators in honor of National Library Week.

-The Spring Fling and the Annual Rotary Club Easter Egg Hunt were well

attended.

- The DEC gave the library 30 shrubs to be distributed to the patrons.
- The DAHL participated in the Annual Chamber of Commerce “Wine Walk”.
There was much positive feedback to the library staff.
- The library is having storytime and a movie screening in conjunction with the Community Meal.
- Community Clean-up was held again this year. Members of the library staff, Board of Trustees and the Friends of the library participated.
- Plans are underway for Tuesdays on the Terrace, MOTL, Summer Reading Programs and the School Lunch Program.

C. Department Reports:

Youth:

Family Fun Night was successful. Kate attended some STLS training sessions where she gathered info for the SRP and ideas for the coming eclipse. Ally continues to expand social media. The Teen Photo Contest will be later in the year. She has plans for a teen photography class with Brian Oglesbee.

Adult:

Malik and Daphne led a successful poetry workshop. Daphne shared some of her original poetry on social media. Malik and Director Gunning did a special poetry podcast. Niki held a successful poetry slam evening.

Auditorium and Exhibit:

Katherine led a book-making program at the library, thank you to the Friends who paid for the supplies. The exhibition room has David Kuranda’s Collection on display. There were two concerts, “Girl Love” and “Two of a Kind” held in

the auditorium.

Technology:

Gary is working with Alfred State students on a “Needs Assessment” plan. The students evaluate our current technology and offer ideas on how to handle updates.

Building and grounds:

Arbor Day and the dedication of the new tree planted in memory of Penny Canfield went very well with a wonderful turnout. Plans for future landscaping were discussed and will be revisited.

Grants/Funding:

STLS notified the DAHL that it would be receiving an additional 25% match to to the already 50% we have received for the construction project due to another library in the STLS withdrawing their project.

Kate received a \$1,250.00 grant from the Foundation to Southern Tier Libraries to help with her “Adventure Pass” program.

Ally has submitted a grant request to the Wellsville Development Corporation for plants for the library.

Committee Reports: The building and grounds committee met to discuss the upcoming construction project.

Friend’s Report: They have a balance of \$11,304.84. They are planning a gift card tree raffle.

Old Business: The village has agreed to fix the sidewalk in front of the library.

New Business: The school budget vote is May 16th---all are encouraged to vote!

Trustee Green will be looking into a Sexual Harassment Program for the Staff and

Trustees to take.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee N. Reuning. The motion carried. (7,0)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sobeck

Secretary